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SUBJECT: TCK WHEAT SMUT -- PRESS INQUIRY ABOUT DELEGATION

1. USLO HAD QUERY MAY 10 FROM REUTERS CORRESPONDENT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT GROUP OF USG SCIENTISTS WHO ARE IN PEKING TALKING TO THE CHINESE ABOUT WHEAT SMUT PROBLEM. WE REPLIED THAT GRAIN COMPANIES INVOLVED IN SHIPMENTS OF US WHEAT TO CHINA ARE BRINGING SOME EXPERTS FROM THE USDA TO PEKING TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, AND NOTED THAT IT IS A COMMERCIAL AND NOT AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION. THIS REPLY SEEMED TO SATISFY OUR QUESTIONER, BUT WE EXPECT THERE WILL BE PRESS INQUIRIES OVER THE NEXT WEEK HERE, IN HONG KONG AND IN WASHINGTON.

2. IF DEPARTMENT PREPARES PRESS GUIDANCE RELATING TO VISIT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING IT. WE DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD GO FURTHER THAN TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH A COMMERCIAL DELEGATION IS IN CHINA, AND WE INTEND TO ADVISE THE CARGILL/DREYFUS/USDA DELEGATION AGAINST DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESS. ANY PUBLICITY ABOUT DETAILS OF THE TALKS, PARTICULARLY WHILE THEY ARE IN PROGRESS, WOULD NOT BE APPRECIATED BY THE CHINESE AND COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE OUTCOME.

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